

A letter from your new editor is the first item of this issue of "TEC" News.

Dear Fellow Members of "TEC":

I feel honored yet a bit humble for being appointed your editor. My first duty to you is one of apology. As most of you collectors know, it is so easy to become deeply involved in this wonderful hobby of ours. I had become so involved that upon accepting the editorship of TEC News, I tried to relieve myself of some of the obligations that had accumulated over the past years. I soon discovered that it was not easy. As soon as I had obtained relief from one obligation, it seemed another took its place, and so it went until I thought I'd never get started on this first issue. But I made it and awaaaay we go. Oh, Oh, almost forgot! I'd like to say that I will try hard to fill the shoes of Dottie as your editor, they'll probably pinch, but I'll keep trying. Now here we go with

Editor ED

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Our first article is by ex-editor but still our favorite Elongated gal and president, Dottie Dow.

THIS IS THE LAST TEC NEWS LETTER YOU WILL GET IF YOUR TEC MEMBER NUMBER IS LISTED BELOW. If your number is listed, it means you have not paid your 1968 dues. If you have paid your dues, you will have already received your 1968 TEC OWL Elongated with your membership # stamped on the reverse. This is your free membership coin card, it alone, is worth your \$2.00 dues. If you have paid your dues, and your # is listed below, Please write to the secretary, ALICE MOON, 9312 W. FORT ST., Detroit, Mich. 48209.

The following have not paid their 1968 TEC DUES, as of the writing of this newsletter: 3, 12, 14, 21, 24, 29, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 71, 72, 73, 77, 81, 90, 91, 97, 102, 103, 104, 112, 113, 115, 117, 119, 120, 122, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 139, 141, 142, 143, 147, 148, 150, 153, 155, 158, 161, 162, 169, 170, 171, 172, 174, 182, 184, 185, 188, 201, 104, 108, 212, 214, 215, 220, 222, 229, 233, 235, 236, 238, 240, 244, 245, 249, 254, 257, 258, 260, 262, 265, 266, 267, 268, 270, 273, 276, 278, 279, 280, 283, 284, and 287.

This means that 93 members have not yet paid their 1968 dues. TEC only has 245 paid up members at the writing of this newsletter. Your officers are doing all they can for you, and need your dues to be able to do more in the coming year. Do you know that TEC MEMBERS received \$8.00 retail value in elongateds FREE in 1967? Plus getting the newsletters, and a chance to buy 2 elongateds available to TEC MEMBERS only. The 99 COMPANY FD-FI cover you received at Christmas (for FREE), is selling at \$5.00 each. One never knows what 1968 will bring, pay your dues and make sure you don't miss out on any of the goodies. There will be Convention Badge again this year, I will have more about it in the next newsletter.

Your President - dottie dow

And there you are, those of you who haven't paid your 1968 dues.

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In second place comes Phil Wagner, TEC #42, who has written for TEC News a very thought provoking article. After reading it, think about it. Phil has titled it

"Masterpieces of Mystery"

The names of Morgan, Brenner, Longacre, and Weinman are familiar to every collector of U. S. Coins.

The names of Dow, Jobe, Jones, and Wagaman are also familiar to nearly every collector of elongated coins, that is, of our present day elongateds.

The question now arises as to who were the Dows, Jobes, etc. of the late 19th century and the first 40 years of this 20th century that were so prolific and artistic that they produced hundreds of dies on nearly every topic of national interest with the strongest theme being on World's Fairs, Expositions, and Centennial Celebrations.

I doubt seriously if we'll ever be able to uncover these names but I do believe very strongly that there were not a great many of these "artists" but most likely, as in the Pan American Exposition of 1901, that the same person was responsible for every design of that exposition with the possible exception of number 15 which is a piece rolled with a denticle border while every other piece has a rolled border and show a remarkable similarity of design. It is further noted that all pieces of the St. Louis Worlds Fair of 1904 all have the denticle border and again the same similarity of design that was shown three years earlier in the Pan-Am pieces.

A further assumption might be made in that the person that produced number 15 of Pan-Am might very well be the same one who produced all the dies for MO-SLWF.

To carry this even a bit further, take a couple of minutes and count the number of N.Y.-WF (1) that have the letter "K" inscribed on them, again one person accounting for nearly every piece attributed to this fair.

It makes a person wonder, at least it does me, just how many dies might possibly be attributed to any of these "professionals", and I have to believe this was their vocation rather than a sideline, because of the amount of detailed craftsmanship that is so obvious on close inspection as compared to our rather simple designs on today's counterparts. I hastily add that no inference is made to today's manufacturers of elongateds, but merely to point up that the early pieces were produced by master craftsmen that made an unusual living by their hands, tools, and artistic skill, and who knows but what if these men had gone one step further and finished off their work with their initials, you might just have a piece with a V.D.B., or an A.A.W. on it. Think it possible?

I would enjoy hearing from anyone on the above topic, I for one, feel it can stand a little more pursuing.

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Lawton, Michigan 49065

Thank you, Phil, for giving all of us a chance to think about the past and the "Masterpieces of Mystery".

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Now comes the chairman of the awards committee with his rules, regulations, restrictions, and decisions of his committee. Lloyd E. Wagaman, the floor belongs to you. Your subject:

#### "TEC Elongated Coin Award"

The awards committee have decided on the following rules concerning an elongated coin award to be presented to worthy persons in appreciation for services rendered to TEC or to the elongated hobby in general.

1. No one person will be entitled to more than one elongated award per year.

2. All coins will be serial numbered. First 12 to be issued to the founding members. These will be the only award elongateds given in 1966. All other elongated awards to be issued in numerical order as earned.
3. Eligibility for awards to be for special services rendered to TEC or to the elongated hobby in general which in the opinion of the committee is deserving of an award.
4. All members in good standing may nominate any person for this award. Final decision will be up to the awards committee.
5. All elongated awards to be rolled on US quarters of the same year as award is given for.
6. All awards to be decided upon at the end of the calander year. These will then be presented at the following annual convention. (All awards for 1967 and prior to be awarded in Aug. 1968, all for 1968 to be awarded in Aug. 1969.) This allows committee enough time to be able to get planchets of the same year as award is given for, and planchets should be obtained this way without paying an additional premium for them.
7. This elongated may be discontinued and a new one issued upon approval of the committee at which time the old die will be destroyed.
8. Recipients name and year of issue to be engraved on reverse of elongated.
9. Rolling of coins and stamping of serial numbers to be donated by L. Wagaman.
10. Engraving of recipients name and year of issue to be donated by G. Greene.
11. All other costs of this project will be borne by TEC. Cost of die engraving will be approximately \$60.00.
12. Pattern for design must be approved by a majority of the committee.
13. Coin will have an appropriate design bearing the initials TEC and will bear the inscription "In appreciation for services rendered".

Any member wishing to nominate a person to receive this award should do so by writing to the chairman of the awards committee, Lloyd E. Wagaman, Route 1, Box 201-9, Camby, Indiana 46113. Give the persons name, address, and as much information as possible concerning the act or service which in your opinion would make them worthy of receiving this award.

Thank you, Lloyd, Your committee did a beautiful job. Congratulate each of your group as I'm sure the full membership appreciates the work it took to bring this to completion.

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And now, Don Dow, Your turn cometh to tell about

#### THE FIRST SATIRICAL ELONGATED

Saterical medals have an honored place in numismatic history. Particularly outstanding, of course, are those by Karl Goetz. I believe the time has come for some satire on elongateds.

First let's see what we're talking about. Satire is the use of wit, irony or sarcasm in denouncing follies or abuses. Sarcasim is a scornful, ironic or cutting rebuke. A folly can be defined as the end result of a rediculous undertaking entered into without considering, or having knowledge of, the possible consequences. Satire is encountered every day in some of our editorial cartoons and comic strips.

This piece has R. McNamara as its subject. He probably has one of the keenest minds of this generation in matters dealing with financial or business administration.

He will, however, be long remembered for his connection with many "follies".

The introduction of the Edsel Automobile while he was Group V.P. of Car divisions at Ford Motor Co. showed a lack of understanding of what the public desired.

The TFX fiasco is a prime example of muddling by a business administrator in the field of aeronautical engineering where he had no business being. The logistic problems in Viet Nam and loss of the U.S.S. Pueblo, will always be associated with Mr. McNamara. He may mind the store very well on a day to day basis but apparently is unconcerned with the future consequences of his current decisions.

Now Mr. McNamara moves into the loan business at the "World Bank" (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, an agency of the U. N.), Here again I hope he tries to understand the long term consequences of his daily decisions.

If there is enough response for this elongated medal, then there will be others as a suitable occasion or incident occurs.

This coming long hot summer combined with an election year should furnish some grist for the mill. Also this coming Nov. 11th is the 50th Anniversary of the end of the war to end all wars and make the world safe for democracy.

And all you members who would like to see a series of Satirical Elongateds, write to Don. His address is the same as Dottie's.

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And back we go to Lloyd E. Wagaman with a letter to each of you.

Dear Fellow Member:

I recently received a letter from a member asking me if I ever felt the desire for or the need of an organization made up of the more advanced collectors of elongateds. He said it seemed to him that the primary interest of 90% of TEC members were only interested in the new issues of elongateds because they were the only ones mentioned in TEC News. In my reply to him I said I did not feel the need for such a group. If such a group were formed its membership would be 99% TEC members and if those members will not write articles concerning the design and history of the older pieces for TEC, why is there any reason to expect that they would do so for another group. I am not condemning the member for writing and asking me about another group, but instead I thank him very much for it brought this subject to mind and I think an article on it should merit printing.

I would like to point out that when a member pays his dues he is not buying a service. He is becoming a part of an organization that is dedicated to advancing the hobby of collecting elongateds. Articles that can be written for publication in TEC News is a wonderful way to share your knowledge with your fellow members. You might write about the history and/or design of a particular elongated or anything else you might know concerning elongateds that some of the rest of us don't know. Some might say that they just aren't gifted at writing and this would be quite true, but if you have information that you think the other members would be interested in, I'm sure if you would pass it on to any officer of the club it would be rewritten for you.

Another way to help your club would be by expressing your willingness to be on committees. There are several that have written in that they would like to see TEC do so and so. A better way to put it would be to say "I would like to see TEC do so and so and I would be willing to be on a committee to get it accomplished".

I may step on some toes with this article and I don't mean to but I think its time for our members to realize that TEC was formed for all of us and its not a one or two man society. It will take all of us working toward the same thing to make it a really successful orginazation. We wouldn't want to see our children join the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts and then sit back and watch. We would want them to get in there and play an active part and it should be no different with us.

If I am wrong on the view I have expressed here I would be happy to hear from anyone that differs with me. Better still if you don't agree with me, write an article on it and send it to the editor. I'm sure he will print it.

While I am writing I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members that sent thank you notes for the new store-card that I sent to all members with their membership number on the reverse. As a point of information, there were 306 of these pieces rolled and all were sent to members as a belated Christmas gift. The die has now been re-worked, thus destroying the previous design so no more can ever be rolled.

Let's all get in there and pitch. The more we pitch, the more we will enjoy TEC.

Sincerely yours,

Lloyd E. Wagaman  
Vice President - TEC

To those who are interested in what Lloyd has said, GET IN THERE AND PITCH WITH HIM

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Back again to Dottie Dow with her article of a most interesting elongated coin.

#### A LEGAL PROMISSORY NOTE ELONGATED TOKEN

In January of 1965, Bob Goettings published the first issue of Coin Collectors Classified, two weeks later the Jan. 25th, issue #2 was mailed. These were the only two issues of a little trade paper for collectors...Due to lack of advertizers, and the fact his money ran out, plus a backer that promised money, and then failed to keep his word, Coin Collectors Classified was no more... On issue #1 Bob had enough of his own money to cover all the printing and mailing bills. These issues went to over 25,000 ANA members, so the postage was a large sum itself.

When issue #2 came out, Bob found he had enough money for the postage, but when it came to the printer, he had to use some of the subscription money that had come in from about 250 paid subscribers.

Bob didn't realize until a week later that all was going to fail, no money.. Feeling bad about the subscription money he couldn't refund, because of unemployment, he had the idea that maybe a token of some sort could be issued to the people who had faith in him in the first place. Something that would show his good intentions to pay as soon as he could...So he went to ARIZONA ELONGATEDS, and asked what they could do.



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As a result, a token was issued in the form of an elongated cent, which is in fact, a promissory note, good for a stated amount; \$2.50, 3.00 or 4.50 as these were the different amounts of the subscriptions....These tokens are serially numbered on the reverse just above the date.

The \$2.50 was for a 1 year subscription, the \$3.00 was for a charter subscription, and the \$4.50 was for a 2 year subscription.

Per a letter that went to the subscriber, with the token, it was requested that these not be presented for payment prior to May 1, 1965.

It is believed this is the first time an elongated coin or token has been used for a promissory note, with a definite promise to pay. Many tokens have a stated value in trade for a specific item, and some trader tokens have been serially numbered for control.

The wording of the Coin Collectors Classified tokens is as follows:

This Promissory Token is redeemable on or before, but not later than, December 31, 1965 for a \$2.50 full subscription refund to the Defunct Coin Collectors Classified Box 6731 - Phoenix, Arizona 85011 R. E. Goettings A.N.A. 45554. (Some have "\$3.00 or \$4.50).

Of all the tokens sent out, only 2 people objected to waiting for their refund, which just goes to show most folks are considerate of the other fellow, when down.

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#### NEW ISSUES

The editor is very pleased that Dottie has volunteered to be "Editor of New Issues". So if our manufacturers would keep her informed of their new issues it would take a load off the writer. We are all, of course, anxious for Dottie to have this information direct for her records.

The following is being published for the benefit of the members:

RALPH JONES - 3048 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19133 has the following elongateds to offer:

MARDI GRAS 1967, wording only with 5 stars and 4 dashes @ \$1.00 ea.; MARDI GRAS 1967 wording only with no stars @ \$1.00 ea.; MARDI GRAS 1968, wording only with 9 stars @ .50¢ each; MARDI GRAS 1967, with sad and happy masks, Fleur-De-Lis at bottom @ \$1.00 each; MARDI GRAS 1967, with sad and happy masks, Alabama flag at bottom @ \$1.00 each; same die re-engraved to 1968, 4 Fleur-De-Lis added @ .50¢ each; New Orleans Mardi Gras 1968 (Mask) @ .50¢; New Orleans Mardi Gras 1968 (Royal Float) @ .50¢ each; 250th Anniversary of New Orleans (3 Flags) Undated @ .50¢ each (I had a hard time figuring which of Ralph's Mardi Gras Elongateds I was missing, so I listed all 9 of them - 4 of 1967 and 5 of 1968, I thought you might be having trouble too, ye old Editor, Dottie). Set of 12 signs of the Zodiac @ \$5.00 per set. He had some errors in his Zodiac set, so write to him for a price list that shows them. Presidential Series: Washington year of birth corrected from "1797" to "1732" @ .50¢ each; John Quincy Adams date corrected from 1829-1852 to "1825-1829" @ .50¢ each; John Quincy Adams error @ \$1.00 each; The following 4 presidents are 50¢ each: Martin Van Buren, Andrew Jackson, Wm. Henry Harrison, and James Monroe. There are 3 different of Thomas Jefferson, 1st 2 have "RJ" on left hand edge, one has wording "3rd President" one does not, these are \$1.00 each, the last Thomas Jefferson is re-engraved to look like Jefferson looks on our nickles (RJJ on right hand edge) it is .50¢ each. Extra, hot off the dies, just finished, 3 more presidents @ .50¢ each: Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, and Woodrow Wilson, and I might add, all nicely done.

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A. A. ROSATO - 44 Bank St., New Milford, Conn. 06776, has 3 very nice new elongateds to offer, be sure to get your order in soon, as they are limited. First is NEW MILFORD, CONN. 360th, 1967 (his #14), next is: JOHN & SARAH NOBLE 1707-1967 (his #15), last is: FREEDOM-PEACE, Liberty with a torch (his #16). These 3 are \$1.00 each on cents, and \$1.50 each on dimes.

LLOYD E. WAGAMAN - Route 1, Box 201-9, Camby, Indiana 46113, has 2 new elongateds to offer. 25th Anniversary of Sinking of USS Chicago, and the Illinois Sesqui-centennial 1968. These are .50¢ each. He also has a re-worked die variety of the Lincoln semi-elongated and the Queen Elizabeth semi-elongated. These dies were re-worded to accomodate the larger head on the Lincoln Mini-medal and on the Canadian nickels. Semi-elongated Lincoln Mini-medal and Semi-elongated Queen Elizabeth on nickels are \$1.00 each. There were only 85 of these Lincolns and 124 of the Queens rolled. Dies for these have been destroyed. He has also rolled 50 sets from his 1967 dies of Nebraska, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Alaska. These are rolled in 5 piece sets consisting of 1967 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, and 50¢ pieces and are attractively packaged in plastic holders. Dies for these sets have also been destroyed and these are priced at \$5.00 per set or all 5 sets for \$22.50. His new store-card will be sent free with orders when requested, or upon request and a stamped self addressed envelope.

Lloyd, the editor wishes to congratulate you on the issuance of the above set. Watch the July issue of Coinage for another 5 piece elongated set manufactured in California.

JACK MECCARIELLO - Pine Plains, New York 12567 has four elongateds. "W. J. Quinn", "B. Millanson" D. C. 9 and a Blank with Dots. (The editor took this over the phone and now I can't read my notes). Jack's price is \$1.50.

99 COMPANY - Most of TEC members received, as a gift, the very first Elongated done by Dottie Dow that was placed in 99 Company's patented envelope and postmarked on the first day of issue. They used this as a gift for the people who attended their first annual convention in October of 1967. For those of you who did not join TEC until after Jan. 1, 1968 may now purchase one from 99 Company for \$5.00. This is the price that they are currently selling to the First Day-First Issue collector.

They also have a second elongated in a First Day-First Issue patented envelope and postmarked on Feb. 6, 1968 containing an elongated cent, made by Dottie. The elongated was made for Maurice M. Gould, noted author, columnist and numismatist, to celebrate his fiftieth year in numismatist as a collector, dealer, author, lecturer and columnist. Each cover will be autographed by Maury, as he is affectionately called. The 99 Company sells this for \$3.00. Send orders direct to 99 Company - P. O. Box 99, Capistrano Beach, California 92624. They have a limited supply of both covers. Orders will be filled on a first come-first served basis.

A new producer called P. E. C. (Producer of Elongated Coins) will soon be located in Southern California. Their plan is to produce an elongated dime each month commemorating the previous month's most noted or historical event. A membership group will be solicited to receive 12 elongateds a year on a monthly basis for annual dues of \$10.00. Watch for their press release in coin publications. They plan on advertising under the title of D.I.M.E. or Dimensions In Modern Elongateds. Advance information, prior to their advertising can be obtained from P. E. C., - P. O. Box 684, Orange, California 92669. (Your editor was given a sneak preview of their rolling machine and was impressed.)

The 99 Company has just issued the 3rd in their series of First Day-First Issue Elongated Covers. It's Dottie Dow's Elongated commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the first Air Mail Flight. Their cover was postmarked on the first day of issue of the new air mail stamp commemorating the same occasion. The editor has been informed that the

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cover will be palced for sale in the near future by the 99 Company.

DOTTIE DOW - Box 5238 Phoenix, Arizona 85010. Dottie has announced the issuane of four new elongateds, two in the commemorative area, and two of a satirical nature.

The 50th anniversary of U. S. Air Mail service, celebrated on May 15, is the subject of one of the commemoratives, on which is portrayed the Curtiss Jenny Biplane, with registration number 38262, piloted by Lt. George L. Boyle of the U. S. Army.

The second commemorative designed by Norman Mixon of Phoenix, Arizona, markes the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

The satirical elongateds, by Don Dow, are the first Dow pieces to carry this series into the political satire. One lampoons Democratic Presidential candidate aspirant Robert F. Kennedy, with the legend below: WHAT BETTER / QUALIFICATION / THAN BEING / SOMEONE'S / KID / BROTHER.

The second piece levels at former secretary of Defense, Robert McNamara, carrying the legend: ROBERT McNAMARA / FATHER OF THE EDSEL / MIDWIFE TO THE TFX / AND NOW GUARDIAN / OF THE DOLLAR AT / THE WORLD BANK / LET US PRAY.

In commenting on this latter piece, Don Dow says of McNamara: "He probably has one of the keenest minds of this generation in matters dealing with financial or busineses administration. He will, however, be remembered for many 'follies'."

All of the four new elongateds are available from Dottie at .50¢ each.

Bernard & Bruce Gimelson, Inc. recently issued elongated cents for Easter and Passover. Both are available from the firm for .50¢ each, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope. Orders may be sent to Fort Washington Industrial Park, Fort Washington, Pa. 19034.

#### ELONGATED EXHIBITORS:

MARIE W. FELKER won a 2nd prize ath "THE WESTERN GATE WAY COIN JAMBOREE", held in January, 1968. She won a very lovely loving cup. Whe was the only woman exhibitor and took the only one who had Elongateds on display. Good Luck MARIE, and keep up the good work.

LOUIS R. WEJNERT, Sr. took a second prize at the Second Annual Anniversay party and Show of the NORTHERN VALLEY COIN CLUB. His was the only elongated material shown. Exhibits were judged by ANA rules. This was also his first exhibit. He now has the "BUG" and will exhibit again on March 2 at the Bergen County Coin Show. GOOD LUCK!

ELTON PARSONS, in exhibiting for the first time, won BEST IN SHOW at the York Coin Club 7th Annual Show, March 8, 9, 10. Congratulations Elton, for putting elongateds where they should be.

SALLY KIRKA exhibited at the HARTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, they only gave THREE prizes at the whole show. SALLY got FIRST on her Canadian elongated Coins. Keep it up Sally, and you'll have to add an extra room in your house for the trophies. We all congradulate you. Keep up the good work.

BETTY CASE exhibited at the Big Statler-Hilton Show in Los Angeles and the editor failed to ever find out what trophy she won. Her exhibit was a wonderful display of elongated coin history.

Your editor has just discovered an article inthe March 1968 issue of the AUSTRALIAN COIN WORLD, by Maurice M. Gould on the following subject:



THANKS, LLOYD

CORRECTIONS FOR MEMBERS NAMES AND ADDRESSES

- 154. Geneva Irwin - 556 E. Highland Ct., Upland, Calif. 91786
- 216. Charles W. Patterson - 2866-B Hammond Hts, Fort Campbell, Ky. 42223
- 194. Mrs. John C. Schoppe - 3100 Maricopa Dr., Riverside, Calif. 92507
- 31. Pearl Keil, (was Pearl Johnson) - 459 S. Gendel Dr., La Puente, Calif 91744

NEW MEMBERS

- 307. Robert W. Callander - 106 N. Main St., Nappanee, Indiana 46550
- 308. Harold Berk - 148 Main Avenue S. W., Warren, Ohio 44481
- 309. Gail M. Boos - 711 W. Carisbrook Dr., Maumee, Ohio 43537
- 310. Donald McMahon - 2608 Pinehurst, Racine, Wisconsin 53403
- 311. Hazel Downing - 3849 - 26th St., San Francisco, California 94131
- 312. Grace Morrison - 23 Pasadena Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44507
- 313. Richard A. Fox - 66 Hanks St., Lowell, Mass. 01852
- 314. Dr. William W. Baumgartner - 6085 So. Jasmine St., Inglewood, Colorado 80110
- 315. Carl J. Forstrom, Sr. - 444 Santa Clara Avenue, Grand Junction, Colo. 81501
- 316. Geneva Kauffman - Route 2, Box 6, Cozad, Nebraska 69130
- 317. William E. Poe - 1504 Locust, Denver, Colorado 80220
- 318. Leonard J. Sterling - 13600 El Dorado Dr. 37 E., Seal Beach, California 90740
- 319. William E. Burnett - 1613 Capitol Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001
- 320. Cappy Key - 1770 Locust, Denver, Colorado 80220
- 321. Mrs. T. V. W. Cushny - Pear Tree Farm, Piping Rock Road, Glen Head, N. Y. 11545
- 322. Carl L. May - 8587 Glendale Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770
- 323. Teresa J. Schug - P. O. 2580, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California 90274
- 324. H. Philip Speir, M. D. - 307 South Pine St., Greenville, Alabama 36037
- 325. William B. Spilman - 1837 Cherokee Rd., (P. O. Box 1122), Waynesboro, Va. 22980
- 326. John M. Shaw - 401 W. Genessee, Saginaw, Michigan 48602
- 327. Carrol Swearengen - 1813 - 28th St., Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241
- 328. Virginia Speir - Mimaosa Road, Greenville, Alabama 36037
- 329. Hy Friedman - 65 Meredith Avenue, Rochester, New York 14618
- 330. B. Nesbitt - Box 89 CFB, Moose Jaw, Bushell Park, Sask., Canada
- 331. Pamela M. Ortego - 5200 Cartier Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70122
- 332. John H. Wilcox - 310 Washington Place, North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902
- 333. Charles Mueller - 3039 S. Drake Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60623
- 334. Amelita J. Smith - 1335 E. Orchid Dr., San Bernardino, California 92404
- 335. Midge Lewis - 2828 E. Sixth Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80206
- 336. Helen McIntosh - 2828 E. Sixth Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80206
- 337. Gary Bendig - 3185 Onaway Rd., Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120
- 338. E. Raymond Hale - 40 Fournier Crescent, East Paterson, New Jersey 07407
- 339. Betty Baird - 9102 Stookes, Downey, California 90240
- 340. Phyllis M. Bendshandler - 105 Myoak Avenue,, Eugene, Oregon 90472

And in addition to the above new members applications have been received from the following: Tom Duffy of Fresno, Russell Davee of San Clemente, and Warren Bunge of Orange, California.

The Officers and all the members of "TEC" welcomes each and every one of you into the finest hobby in the numismatic field.

JUST FOUND: The following note from Dottie for insertion in this issue:-----

WEDDING BELLS RUNG FOR Pearl Johnson, who became Mrs. Larry Paul Keil. It couldn't happen to a nicer gal. By the way, Pearl, when you get the stars out of your eyes, your TEC dues are due (aren't I a stinker? You can tell this is ye old editor, Dottie, speaking, hope this won't keep you from TEC's annual meeting in August in San Diego, so I can tell the groom what a lucky guy he is.

That's all, folks !!!!!

### A Special Letter of Apology from the Editor

After Doris (your editor's wife) and I finally ran off the last page of "T.C." News and got ready to staple and fold, we thought we'd sit down and read it through. Doris made it through the first paragraph then made a remark "Don't you think that you owe the members a better explanation of why the News is so late?" After thinking about her question for a while I decided that she was right as usual.

As I stated in the first paragraph of the News I had become so deeply involved in our hobby. There was not enough hours in the day, days in the week, or weeks in the month for me to accomplish all that I had committed myself to do. A few years ago I retired from the construction business with a limited income. Then I spent my time to developing my knowledge of numismatics, building a library, and becoming more active in clubs. Then I became interested in the 99 Company, the First Day-First Issue Coin Cover group that so many of you are acquainted with and finally became a General Partner with the group. This became, for all purposes, a full time job. Then I go on to commit myself to write the newsletters of various clubs. In January I decided to start a small mail order business in coins and this grew and grew. In March together with Fred and Jean Silver, Doris and I formed what is today known as Treasure Albums Distributors, originators of a storybook type of coin collecting. It's a very educational type way of collecting and undoubtedly most of you have seen the advertisements in Coinage and Coin World. There's been three issued to date and in June we have the first of a series of albums on Elongateds that will be issued. (Please, your editor does not mean to commercialize here, just trying to tell what has happened to delay this issue of "T.C." News)

To cut this short, your editor has in the past month relieved himself of 70% of his obligations and he sincerely feels that he will be able to write and publish future issues of the News on schedule. Oh! Almost forgot! Another item that has delayed this issue is the fact that an attempt was made, with the good help of Lloyd Lagaman, a surprise for all of you. As a result of my failure, (temporary, I hope) Doris and I have had to recut part of the stencils. (Lloyd, I know that I can do it for the next issue.)

Again my apologies, and my thanks for your patience,

Editor Ed